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# IN THE WATER COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA UPPER MISSOURI DIVISION JEFFERSON RIVER BASIN (41G) PRELIMINARY DECREE

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CLAIMANTS: 105 Trails End Lane LLC; BFR Family

Limited Partnership LLLP

OBJECTORS: 105 Trails End Lane LLC; BFR Family

Limited Partnership LLLP

COUNTEROBJECTOR: BFR Family Limited Partnership

LLLP

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR: BFR Family Limited

Partnership LLLP

# CASE 41G-0398-R-2021

41G 30556-00 41G 30561-00 41G 30564-00 41G 30565-00 41G 30566-00 41G 197155-00 41G 197156-00

Split Claims:

41G 30159531 41G 30159532

## SECOND ORDER AMENDING AND ADOPTING MASTER'S REPORT

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Section 85-2-233(5), Case 41G-0398-R-2021 was assigned to Senior Water Master Madeleine Weisz. The Water Master filed a Report containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with the Clerk of Court. Copies of the Report were served on the parties on April 28, 2023. On May 8, 2023, BFR Family Limited Partnership LLLP filed an Objection to the Master's Report indicating a correction was needed.

An Order Amending and Adopting Master's Report was issued on May 22, 2023 in an attempt to correct the source names associated with the points of diversion for claim 41G 30159532. Due to a database restriction the abstract attached to the Order Amending and Adopting Master's Report still did not accurately reflect the sources for the points of

diversion for claim 41G 30159532. BFR filed an Objection requesting the abstract errors be corrected. The Case was reassigned to the Master for further proceedings. The database restrictions were explained to the parties and the parties were provided a chance to indicate their preference for how to correct the error. On July 18, 2023, BFR filed an unopposed motion to amend the abstract for claim 41G 30159532.

BFR explains that water from both Camp Creek and South Willow Creek is used under claim 41G 30159532. However, because both points of diversion divert water from South Willow Creek, the database does not permit Camp Creek from being listed under the "source" element. To adequately depict the historical use of the water given this database restriction, the abstract will identify South Willow Creek as the source for both points of diversion, and the following information remark will appear on the claim explaining the use of Camp Creek Water:

WATER FROM CAMP CREEK IS CONVEYED TO SOUTH WILLOW CREEK WHICH IS USED AS A NATURAL CARRIER TO POINTS OF DIVERSION NOS 1 AND 2.

The Court has reviewed the Water Master's Findings and Conclusions. Pursuant to Rule 53(e), Montana Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court **ADOPTS** the Master's Report with the above referenced amendments.

Post Decree Abstracts are attached to this Order to confirm the correction has been made in the statewide database.

ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED AND DATED BELOW.

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## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### JEFFERSON RIVER

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30556-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: 105 TRAILS END LANE LLC

**PO BOX 220** 

HARRISON, MT 59735 0220

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 27, 1906

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): STOCK

Flow Rate: A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS

OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED FOR

STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND

HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER SOURCE.

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS SPRING GULCH SPRING

**SPRING** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SWNESW272S2WMADISON

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** FLOWING

N2SW 27 2S 2W MADISON

Source Name: UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

IDAcresGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1N2SW272S2WMADISON

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30561-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BFR FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LLLP

PO BOX 456

ENNIS, MT 59729 0456

**Priority Date:** JULY 13, 1909

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FURROW/FLOOD

Flow Rate: 1.00 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 100.00

Source Name: SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: GROUNDWATER

ALSO KNOWN AS CRYSTAL SPRING

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NWSESW282S2WMADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** DIKE

Period of Use: MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u> Otr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{Twp}}$	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		20.00		SESW	28	2S	2W	MADISON
2	_	80.00		W2SE	28	2\$	2W	MADISON
	Total:	100.00						

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30564-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BFR FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LLLP

**PO BOX 456** 

ENNIS, MT 59729 0456

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1902

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FURROW/FLOOD

Flow Rate: 282.74 GPM

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 128.00

Source Name: SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SESESW282S2WMADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: CARTER DITCH

2 SWSWSE 21 2S 2W MADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BOYER DITCH

NWNWSE 28 2S 2W MADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: HONSINGER DITCH

Period of Use: MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	22.00		NWSE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
2	3.00		NWNESE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
3	5.00		NWSWSE	28	2S	2W	MADISON

4		65.00	W2NE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
5		8.00	SWSWSE	21	2S	2W	MADISON
6		20.00	E2NESW	21	2S	2W	MADISON
7		5.00	NESESW	21	2S	2W	MADISON
	Total:	128.00					

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30565-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BFR FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LLLP

**PO BOX 456** 

ENNIS, MT 59729 0456

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1887

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FURROW/FLOOD

Flow Rate: 2.50 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 128.00

Source Name: SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SESESW282S2WMADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: CARTER DITCH

2 SWSWSE 21 2S 2W MADISON

Period of Diversion: MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BOYER DITCH

NWNWSE 28 2S 2W MADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: HONSINGER DITCH

Period of Use: MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 15

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	22.00		NWSE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
2	3.00		NWNESE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
3	5.00		NWSWSE	28	2S	2W	MADISON

4	65.00	W2NE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
5	8.00	SWSWSE	21	2S	2W	MADISON
6	20.00	E2NESW	21	2S	2W	MADISON
7	5.00	NESESW	21	2S	2W	MADISON
	Total: 128.00					

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30566-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

105 TRAILS END LANE LLC **Owners:** 

PO BOX 220

HARRISON, MT 59735 0220

**Priority Date:** JULY 6, 1910

**Type of Historical Right: FILED** 

**IRRIGATION** Purpose (use):

> **Irrigation Type:** FURROW/FLOOD

Flow Rate: 0.95 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

160.00 **Maximum Acres:** 

**CAMP CREEK Source Name:** 

**Source Type:** SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec **County** Sec **Twp Rge SWSWNE** 33 2S 2W **MADISON** 1

**Period of Diversion:** MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

**Diversion Means: HEADGATE Ditch Name:** ALLEN DITCH

Period of Use: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> **Govt Lot Otr Sec County Acres Sec Twp** Rge 100.00 SE 28 **2S** 2W **MADISON** 1 2 **2S MADISON** 60.00 N2SW 27 2W

160.00 Total:

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 197155-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: 105 TRAILS END LANE LLC

PO BOX 220

HARRISON, MT 59735 0220

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1875

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FLOOD
\*Flow Rate: 1.25 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 219.00

Source Name: SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NENENE63S2WMADISON

Period of Diversion: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: NORWEGIAN DITCH

Period of Use: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

<u>ID</u>		<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u> Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1		8.00		S2S2SE	27	2S	2W	MADISON
2		114.00		NE	34	2S	2W	MADISON
3		80.00		SE	34	2S	2W	MADISON
4		17.00		E2SW	34	2S	2W	MADISON
	Total:	219.00						

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 197156-00 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 3 -- POST DECREE

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: 105 TRAILS END LANE LLC

PO BOX 220

HARRISON, MT 59735 0220

Priority Date: DECEMBER 31, 1865

Type of Historical Right: DECREED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

**Irrigation Type:** FLOOD

Flow Rate: 390.00 GPM

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 219.00

Source Name: SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1NENENE63S2WMADISON

Period of Diversion: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: NORWEGIAN DITCH

Period of Use: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Govt Lot	<u> Qtr Sec</u>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	8.00		S2S2SE	27	28	2W	MADISON
2	114.00		NE	34	2S	2W	MADISON
3	80.00		SE	34	2S	2W	MADISON
4	17.00		E2SW	34	2S	2W	MADISON

**Total:** 219.00

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

#### JEFFERSON RIVER

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30159531 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

> Version: 1 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

> > **Status: ACTIVE**

BFR FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LLLP **Owners:** 

**PO BOX 456** 

ENNIS, MT 59729 0456

**Priority Date:** FEBRUARY 27, 1906

**Type of Historical Right: FILED** Purpose (use): STOCK

A SPECIFIC FLOW RATE HAS NOT BEEN DECREED BECAUSE THIS USE CONSISTS Flow Rate:

> OF STOCK DRINKING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOURCE, OR FROM A DITCH SYSTEM. THE FLOW RATE IS LIMITED TO THE MINIMUM AMOUNT HISTORICALLY NECESSARY

TO SUSTAIN THIS PURPOSE.

Volume: THIS WATER RIGHT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF WATER CONSUMPTIVELY USED

> FOR STOCK WATERING PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF 30 GALLONS PER DAY PER ANIMAL UNIT. ANIMAL UNITS SHALL BE BASED ON REASONABLE CARRYING CAPACITY AND HISTORICAL USE OF THE AREA SERVICED BY THIS WATER

SOURCE.

UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK **Source Name:** 

**GROUNDWATER Source Type:** 

**Source Name:** SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

**Source Type: GROUNDWATER** 

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

ID **Govt Lot** Otr Sec Sec Twp Rge **County** 1

**SWNESW** 27 **2S** 2W **MADISON** 

**Source Name:** SPRING, UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

**Period of Diversion:** JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means: FLOWING** 

2 W2NE 28 2S 2W **MADISON** 

**Source Name:** UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

**Diversion Means:** LIVESTOCK DIRECT FROM SOURCE

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

<u>ID</u> **Acres Govt Lot** Otr Sec **Sec County** <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> **2**S 2W W2NE 28 MADISON

## ABSTRACT OF WATER RIGHT CLAIM

## **JEFFERSON RIVER**

## **BASIN 41G**

Water Right Number: 41G 30159532 STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Version: 2 -- ORIGINAL RIGHT

Status: ACTIVE

Owners: BFR FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LLLP

**PO BOX 456** 

ENNIS, MT 59729 0456

Priority Date: JULY 6, 1910

Type of Historical Right: FILED

Purpose (use): IRRIGATION

Irrigation Type: FURROW/FLOOD

Flow Rate: 1.55 CFS

Volume: THE TOTAL VOLUME OF THIS WATER RIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PUT

TO HISTORICAL AND BENEFICIAL USE.

Climatic Area: 4 - MODERATELY LOW

Maximum Acres: 260.00

Source Name: SOUTH WILLOW CREEK

Source Type: SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

IDGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty1SESESW282S2WMADISON

**Period of Diversion:** MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

**Diversion Means:** HEADGATE

Ditch Name: CARTER DITCH

2 SWSWSE 21 2S 2W MADISON

Period of Diversion: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

Diversion Means: HEADGATE

Ditch Name: BOYER DITCH

WATER FROM CAMP CREEK IS CONVEYED TO SOUTH WILLOW CREEK WHICH IS

USED AS A NATURAL CARRIER TO POINTS OF DIVERSION NOS 1 AND 2.

Period of Use: MARCH 15 TO OCTOBER 30

<u>ID</u>	Acres Govt Lot	<b>Qtr Sec</b>	<u>Sec</u>	<u>Twp</u>	<u>Rge</u>	<b>County</b>
1	60.00	SE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
2	20.00	E2SWNE	28	28	2W	MADISON
3	20.00	E2NWNE	28	2S	2W	MADISON
4	80.00	E2NE	21	2S	2W	MADISON
5	40.00	SENW	21	2S	2W	MADISON
6	20.00	E2E2SW	21	28	2W	MADISON

7 20.00 W2W2SE 21 2S 2W MADISON

**Total:** 260.00